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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

JUNE, 1899



TO THE HONORABLE,

The President and Trustees of Miami University in Session at Oxford, Ohio, June 13, 1899.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor herewith to submit my eighth annual report of the condition of Miami University.

Calvin Stewart Brice, LL. D.

At the opening of this report I call the attention of the Board to the loss sustained by the Institution in the death of the Hon. Calvin Stewart Brice, LL. D. of the class of 1863, which occurred in New York City, December 15, 1898. His record as trustee and as a benefactor to the institution is so clear and so well known, that I need not repeat it to this Board of Trustees. I trust, however, that a proper minute will be adopted by the Board, as an expression of its appreciation of his character and of his services to Miami.

The Faculty.

The death of the late Professor Henry Snyder occurred on Wednesday, September 14, 1898, the opening day of the University. This came as a surprise and shock to the Faculty and students. His services, as Professor, began with the reopening in 1885. He had served, therefore, as Professor of Physics and Chemistry thirteen years. The following minute was adopted by the Faculty:

“At the opening of the Collegiate Year, we are called upon, as members of the Faculty of Miami University, to pay our tribute to the memory of our late colleague, Professor Henry Snyder.”

Professor Snyder was appointed to the chair of Chemistry and Physics at the reopening of the University in 1885. For thirteen years he served the college faithfully and well; he was always at his post, he shrank from no labor or sacrifice, and al-

ways took a deep interest in the welfare of his students. All of us have been witnesses of his single minded enthusiastic devotion to the work of his department.

"We mourn the loss of one who in the prime of life has been suddenly cut down in a career of usefulness and honor, and who during the years in which he was associated with us, had gained our confidence and esteem by his uniform courtesy, his kindness of heart, his integrity of character, and his fidelity to duty."

The sudden death of Professor Snyder made it necessary for me to make immediate arrangements to supply his place. I consider the University very fortunate in having a suitable person in one of our own Alumni available for the work. Mr. Raymond Mollyneaux Hughes, of the class of 1893, was at that time instructor in chemistry in the Department of Ceramics in the Ohio State University at Columbus. His superior character and his training for a number of years with a view to teaching chemistry, warranted me in offering him the position. He accepted and immediately entered upon the work. No appointment has given me more satisfaction and pleasure, than the appointment of Professor Hughes. I ask the Board to investigate his record, and I gladly commend him for a permanent place as Professor of Chemistry and Physics in the Faculty.

I regret very much that, owing to a death in the family and some changes made necessary by it, Professor Herman Louis Ebeling Ph. D. finds it necessary to give up for a time his work as Professor. He will present his resignation to this meeting of the Board. His term of service began in September, 1891. He has, therefore, served as Professor of Greek, for eight years, during which time he has proved himself a most efficient member of the Faculty and an enthusiastic teacher and scholar. His relations to the Faculty and to myself have been the most cordial and pleasant. Dr. Ebeling has the highest appreciation of every member of the Faculty. We regret exceedingly the necessity that takes him from us.

In view of his approaching resignation a number of applications have been sent to me for the place. These applications and credentials are all filed and in readiness for the consideration

of the Board. I ask the Board to appoint a committee which shall consider these credentials and recommend an appointment for the vacancy.'

Professor Edgar Ewing Brandon was appointed last June for one year, as Professor of the French language and literature. His experience with us has warranted the expectation that led to his appointment. I need offer no further commendation, than my request that the Board will make his appointment permanent.

It is proper to mention to this Board, that Professor Treadwell, who was absent last year, received in April his Doctor's degree in Philosophy at the University of Chicago. For some years Dr. Treadwell has given his study to the science he is now teaching and has, with great credit to himself, worked out some problems in Biological Science that entitle him to his high standing among the Biologists of our country. The University is to be congratulated quite as much as Dr. Treadwell upon his attainments.

In all matters the Faculty has moved on with its work with great unanimity and come to the close of the year with the best of feeling. Occasionally for a day or two, classes have been excused on account of temporary illness, but the work of the year has suffered no serious interruption.

The question of salaries paid to the Faculty is a constantly recurring one. The custom of this Board to pay uniform salaries to members of the Faculty in the college proper has some very decided advantages. There is a feeling, however, in spite of these advantages that we should increase the salaries now paid and this is a consideration worthy the attention of the Board. The amount now paid is a very low maximum for which men should be expected to spend their lives. If a man is worth anything at all in the College Faculty, he should be worth more than we pay. I think most men would agree to this proposition. The practical question, however, is not what men are worth, but what the institution can pay. It has seemed to me that the maximum salary is a little lower than it ought to be for men who have served the Institution for a period of years, and that the salary of a beginner might justly be less than we now pay. If we proceed to fill our vacancies with men of but little experience,

it seems to me their appointment could be made for two or three years as an experiment on a salary less than that of a full professor. If at the end of this period the Board think it wise to give them a permanent position, let it be given at the ordinary salary. If at the end of a period of years he still remains in the service of the Institution, it should be at the maximum salary. There is a question whether appointments for seven or ten years might not be advisable. In considering a change in this matter, the Board might refer it to a committee to give the subject such careful consideration, as it warrants. I should regret any hasty action or decision one way or the other.

Students.

The present year has marked the highest point in attendance since the re-opening of the University. The total enrollment for the year was 148. Of these one was a graduate student, John Edwin Carpenter, A. B., DePauw University, 1892; sixteen are members of the Senior Class; thirty-nine others are in the undergraduate list; the preparatory and irregular lists number ninety-two. After this year our method of enrollment will be changed, so that a larger number of the students will appear in the undergraduate list and a smaller number in the preparatory and irregular list. The present method insists that so long as a single hour's work, classed as preparatory, remains unfinished, the student must not be classed as an undergraduate. Where students were deficient in a single language, Greek or German, or it was found inconvenient for them to take it at the start, that fact has kept them in the preparatory list. In general the work of the students has been of a very satisfactory character. Early in the year the Faculty found it necessary to suspend a few students and to advise others that their attendance was not longer desired. Every year a few students come to college for no particular reason. A few others lose their opportunity by wasting the first month or six weeks. At college, away from the restraints of home, they have no appreciation of the situation and but little power of self regulation. Others fall into bad habits through inability to direct their own business. For one cause and another the Thanksgiving vacation needs to be made permanent for some

students. It helps the institution and does no particular harm to the student. In every case of discipline the Faculty has been unanimous in its judgment. The experience this year was a little more widespread than usual in that it involved more students, but no new principle was applied, and no reason now exists that we change the judgment then made. • It should be added that these cases rarely, if ever, occur among students who have attained a standing in the college proper. The undergraduate list is in nearly every case the choice of the school and composed of young men who give to their work a commendable degree of attention and industry.

Curriculum.

In accordance with the suggestion, made in the last report to the Board, the question of revising the Curriculum was brought to the attention of the Faculty during the year. The matter was given careful consideration. The committee proceeded with the work and reported such changes as were deemed advisable. An agreement was finally reached, and the revised Curriculum appears in the catalogue of the current year for the approval of the Board.

The results reached in this revision are in the main very satisfactory. They do not follow precisely the lines indicated in my report last year. In some respects they are an improvement upon my suggestions; in other respects they are not quite satisfactory to individual members of the Faculty. It was not possible, however, to meet individual desires. The aim was to make the courses as rich as possible, and at the same time to keep the standard where it would meet the approval of intelligent critics. On the whole we feel that the Curriculum marks a considerable advance. There are some changes I should like to see. Time will probably bring them about. It may be just as well that such questions are never finally settled, and that Faculties are compelled from year to year to examine into the merits of the courses they offer. After considerable comparison with colleges in our region, we feel that there is just ground for the increasing appreciation in which Miami is held by other colleges and especially as regards its standard of work.

The Preparatory School.

For some time this subject has been under consideration. It would be a great good if it could be abandoned entirely. That is out of the question. Too many of our students come from schools where adequate preparation for college is an impossibility. In many cases where schools prepare for college the students are found unable to proceed with their classes and must drop back. The Preparatory School is therefore a necessity at Miami. The east wing of the new building has been arranged with a view to holding these classes on the upper floor. Here are first-class accommodations when furnished with blackboards and seating accommodations. In my judgment it would be well to operate this more distinctly as a school, keeping the students in the assembly room at the extreme east when not engaged in recitation. This could be done for four or five hours each day and save us from the dissipation of time so liable in young students. In the catalogue the Board will see, on Page 22, a reference to special students and the position of the Faculty that these younger students who have had no special preparation or even a high school course, should be confined to the preparatory classes. Experience has proved that such students are so much of a hindrance to the college classes as to be fairly called nuisances. This paragraph is a movement to abate the nuisance. The vast majority of students should be either preparatory students or college students. The exceptions should rarely, if ever, be students not graduates of a good high school. We have so arranged our course that capable graduates of a standard high school may graduate in four years. For all others the value of the regular preparatory work is better than a somewhat promiscuous selection of studies in the college department.

The teaching force in this department is worthy of some consideration. For some time we have had a portion of the time of the librarian—an undergraduate tutor, the principal's full time and some classes taught by professors in the college department. We shall need to rearrange this matter after the Board has decided its policy of the Library. If the librarian shall give his full time to the library in the future, our teaching force in the preparatory school must be arranged accordingly. There is

no place in our work where more attention is needed than in this department. I am prepared to discuss the whole question before the Board or a committee as may be preferred.

Athletics.

During the year just closing the matter of athletics has been the cause of considerable concern. The work in the gymnasium has been carried on with regularity under the supervision of Mr. J. W. Marquardt, the Physical Director. He is a capable, efficient and acceptable officer in this regard. His aim has been to give, as a requirement, two hours each week to all the students in elementary drill having general exercise and health as the chief concern. No attempt is made to produce skilled athletes in the classes although it should be said that the exhibitions have greatly surprised visitors in the skill and excellence of many of the young men in this work.

Intercollegiate athletics has given the greatest concern. It became necessary at the close of the first game of foot ball last autumn to cancel all other engagements for the season. The game was played in violation of the orders of the President of the University and of the rules of good foot ball. The testimony was clear that the game was bad from several points of view. Both teams were to blame but it is now admitted that the Miami team took the initiative in the foul playing. The action of the Faculty doubtless had something to do in the decline in interest on the part of students. The fact remains, however, that a large portion of the students are unable or unwilling to contribute to the support of athletics. Not one third of the students even buy a membership ticket in the Association. The attendance upon local games is uncertain. As a result the Board of Control is always on the anxious seat as to finances. In the spring time Base ball has always been a losing game financially. I feel that the matter should have encouragement but unless another year shall show a decided improvement I shall recommend to the Faculty and Trustees to abolish entirely all intercollegiate athletics.

The Library.

During the current year the work of building has greatly disturbed the orderly work of the college and in no place was

this more serious than in the library. The dirt, noise, and often the temperature have made the library anything but a pleasant place. All that we hope to correct in the future. In the first place let me call the Board's attention to the new room for the library on the first floor of the east wing as provided for by the Building Committee. This is a large, commodious room with excellent arrangements for heat and light. This room is so accessible and so much larger than our present room that it will greatly increase the use and usefulness of the library. The room now in use would make an excellent place for the mathematical department if properly arranged. The question of a librarian assumes a different phase than heretofore. We have kept the room open two hours in the forenoon and a like period in the afternoon. With the new facilities ought we not to consider the question of an all day library? I have often thought that it would be well to have it open in the evening as a reading room for the accommodation of the Faculty, students and such citizens as might be disposed to avail themselves of the advantages of a library. This would require increased service from the librarian. He could not then as now, be a teacher for part of the time in the preparatory classes. The advantage of an evening library is that often the Faculty would consult it then, and students could be encouraged to do work in the library.

As to the appropriation I may remark that some differences have arisen, as reported last year, with respect to the use of the money. Members of the Faculty feel the need of what the Board would regard technical books. They ask therefore for a considerable sum to be given to the departments. This is a just cause. On the other hand all feel the need of a general fund if properly managed and believe that the general interests of the library ought not to be neglected. Experience has proved that the general fund has not been satisfactorily expended. Members of the Faculty can not always be relied upon, when members of the library committee, to consider equitably all the departments. The result has been an unequal distribution of the money and books. Less complaint than usual has been heard this year. I call attention to the report from the Faculty which was prepared after this report was in print. The whole

matter of the library—and its management deserves our careful consideration. The list of books bought during the year is, as requested by the Board, presented at the close of this report.

The Improvements.

The statement of money expended on the property is made elsewhere. The buildings and grounds are now in the best condition in their history. The University is to be congratulated upon this advance. I may call attention to these improvements somewhat in detail. The building is now 250 feet in length. We have a new and commodious chapel in every way suited to our needs. The recitation rooms in the west wing have been improved and better facilities in the way of an office for the President. In the east wing we have the first floor for the library and excellent rooms on the second and third floors for recitation purposes. The steam plant is located under the east wing and has been extended to both dormitories. Water and sewerage have been provided for the main building and for the north dormitory. The sewer and the water main have been extended to the south dormitory but have not yet been placed within the building. No contract for that has been made. It remains for the Board to decide whether it will, during the summer, provide for water and sewerage in the other dormitory, and whether it is considered advisable to extend our steam pipes to the Herron Gymnasium and Brice Hall. This would centralize all our service and cheapen the cost of operating besides bringing a more satisfactory service than at present. There ought to be an extension of the water main to Brice Hall for the accommodation of the laboratories. It will be necessary to provide for blackboards and seating in the new east wing of the main building. Some additional sidewalk will be needed about the main building as soon as the new grades are sufficiently settled to render it safe to put down cement walks. The change in the buildings will make it necessary to make some change in the janitor service. I can make no recommendation on this subject until after the Board has decided some matters mentioned above. The new arrangement of buildings make new plans for their care necessary. I shall be pleased to discuss the details before the Board or a committee.

Building Committee.

The following report is an outline of the work done by the Building Committee, appointed by the Board at its meeting last June. The Committee consists of the Hon. John W. Herron, Mr. T. R. Kumler and the President of the University.

The Committee met in Oxford, June 25th, 1898, and proceeded to employ Mr. Thomas G. Smith, Jr., of Cincinnati, as consulting engineer. On June 2nd, the Committee met in the office of Samuel Hannaford & Sons, for the consideration of building plans. After a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, the committee proceeded at once to offer bids in accordance with the general plans approved by the Board. Some modifications in the details of the plans were submitted from time to time until the plans and specifications were agreed to. On September 13th, 1898, the Committee met in Oxford and opened the bids received, read them, and decided to adjourn to meet again on the 17th. It was found necessary at that date to award the contract to a number of separate bidders. At this meeting all bids for the brick work were rejected, and October 12th, 1898, the Committee met and awarded the contract to B. Heuer & Son. I submit herewith a statement of contracts and payments, so that the Board can see just how the building account stands, June 1st, 1898.

ORIGINAL CONTRACTS.

1. Palmer Morris, Excavation.....	\$ 574 75
2. Trunck & Jameson, Stone work.....	2,388 33
3. B. Heuer & Son, Brickwork.....	4,506 00
4. T. C. Lloyd, Carpenter work, West wing.....	2,720 92
5. Johnston Bros. & Co., Carpenter work, East wing...	5,957 55
6. J. H. Neabrey, Roofing,.....	1,031 00
7. Walton Iron Co., Iron work.	708 00
8. W. H. Drayer, Steam heating.....	9,517 10

SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTS.

1. W. H. Drayer, Plumbing.....	\$ 1,067 10
2. W. H. Drayer, Sewerage.....	1,421 79
3. W. H. Drayer, Water Mains.....	301 00
4. Lawton-Beattie Co., Electric wiring.....	201 60
5. Legal Advertising.....	151 29

\$30,546 43

The following statement will show the payments, the contracts completed, contracts not yet completed, certain payments

not yet due, architect's and engineer's fees and the sum total of money paid out:

Name of Contractor.	Amount Paid.	Amount Unpaid.
Palmer Morris.....	\$ 574 75	
Trunk & Jameson.....	2,140 00	\$ 248 33
B. Heuer & Son.....	3,870 00	636 00
T. C. Lloyd.....	2,705 00	15 92
Johnston Bros. & Co.....	3,888 00	2,069 55
J. H. Neabrey.....	810 00	221 00
Walton Iron Co.....	704 00	
W. H. Drayer.....	7,700 00	1,817 10
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Lawton-Beattie Co., Electric Lighting...	201 60	
Legal Advertising.....	151 29	
Architect's Fees, to date.....	675 00	
Engineer's Fees, to date.....	420 00	
Total amount paid out to June 1st,.....	\$ 26,629 53	\$ 5,007 90

By adding the amount not yet paid, as above, we have \$5,007.90 yet required to complete the present contracts. In addition to this there will be due to the engineer and architect, for fees, a balance. There are, also, some extras which may be mentioned as follows:

EXTRAS.

Johnston Bros., (estimated).....	215 00
T. C. Lloyd, (estimated).....	\$ 200 00
Decorating the Chapel.....	285 00
Seating the Chapel.....	924 00
Repairing Downspout on old Main Building..	45 00
	<u>\$1669 00</u>

The bill for repairing the roof of the Main building has not yet been presented. It was contracted for by the chairman of the Committee upon the advice of the other members by the piece. Some other little repairs of an unimportant character have been added. It will not be possible to close up and settle with all of these contracts before adjournment of the Board. Any payments or changes that may be made between the first of June and the meeting of the Board will be reported in a supplementary report. It will be necessary for the Board to continue the Building Committee until these contracts are completed, and to give them power to act in the premises.

The Anniversary Committee.

This committee has proceeded with its work in accordance with the general plan outlined by the Board last June. They appointed a Committee on Class Re-unions with Mr. R. T. Durrell as chairman. That committee has corresponded with all alumni and presented a report of their work. The work was so well done that the attendance of a large number of alumni at the Anniversary is chiefly due to their efforts.

The Committee on Publicity, with Mr. Tobey as chairman, has succeeded in putting a two column illustrated article in two thousand four hundred papers. The General Committee also appointed Mr. Tobey and the President of the University a Committee to edit a new alumni catalogue and to solicit funds for the expense of same. The catalogue is ready and is the most complete book of its kind we have seen. It needs no praise at my hands. The funds were solicited by the Committee, and we expect to be able to pay for it without calling on the treasury of the University. The general arrangements and programmes for the week have been so generously announced that I need call no further attention to the matter in this report.

From the necessities of the case the Committee could not expend all the money appropriated so as to report it at this time. The plans are fully matured and a supplementary report from the Committee will be made Commencement week.

Appropriations.

Appropriations, June 1898, were as follows :

Title.	Amount.	Unexpended Balances.
Salaries.....	\$19,000 00	
Elocution.....	450 00	
Physical Director	600 00	
Treasurer.....	300 00	
Secretary.....	300 00	
Trustees Expenses.....	225 00	
Care of Grounds.....	500 00	\$155 48
Repairs of Buildings	1,000 00	253 86
Janitor Service.....	620 00	
Expenses of the President.....	100 00	86 00
Library.....	1,000 00	
Coal.....	550 00	22 54
Commencement Expenses.....	75 00	01

Electric Lighting.....	250 00	76
Attorney Expenses.....	41 15	12 33
Printing and Advertising.....	600 00	
Apparatus for Gymnasium.....	75 00	9 98
Incidental Expenses.....	450 00	08
Treasurer's Expenses.....	40 59	
Department of Mathematics.....	100 00	17
Department of Chemistry and Physics.....	600 00	38
Department of Biology and Geology.....	300 00	
J. P. Widney, Donation.....	100 00	
Incidentals for 1897 and 1898.....	469 94	
Overdrafts, reported, June, 1898.....	146 29	
Anniversary Fund.....	1,000 00	874 37
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Total Appropriation.....	\$ 28,892 97	Total Balances 1,415 96
Total Amount Expended, less		
Overdrafts for 1897 and 1898.....	146 29	
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	\$ 28, 746 68	
Less Expenditure on Anniversary.....	125 63	
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	\$ 28,621 05	
Less Balances.....	1,415 96	
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Total Am't Expended for Current Year...	\$27.205 09	

Concerning the above appropriations it is proper to add that the expense of the care of the grounds was considerably increased by the necessity of grading about the buildings.

The appropriation for the repairs of buildings was \$1,000,00. This report shows the condition June, 1st. Some repairs in the dormitory were ordered by the committee, so that these rooms might be in better condition during the anniversary week. This fact will need to be kept in mind in making the appropriation for next year.

The appropriation for lights shows a small balance, but we are a month behind on our bills, so that if the bills for May had been paid, we should have been over drawn six or seven dollars.

The appropriation for printing and advertising shows a small balance, but there are some recent contracts outstanding, but not due June 1st.

The anniversary fund shows a large balance, because the bills are not yet presented. A more detailed report, concerning this, is to be made in connection with the report of the anniversary committee.

Appropriations For Next Year.

I suggest herewith a list of titles of appropriations, so far as the ordinary expenses of the Institution would indicate them. I desire in the first place to call the Board's attention to the reports from the several departments. These set forth more in detail their needs and the uses made of the appropriation. The fact that we changed the form of the appropriation for Brice Hall has worked a little disadvantage to this department. The appropriations were smaller than they ought to have been in view of the change in method. My judgment is that the change was wise, as I think it well for all money and receipts to pass through the treasurer's hands. In view of that fact, however, the appropriations for this department ought to be a little more liberal. This report is made before the reports from the departments and therefore I am not able to speak of them specifically, but from my personal knowledge of their needs, I recommend that department appropriations be made as liberal as our funds will permit. This is necessary in order to keep the departments in strictly good working order.

Appropriations For 1899.

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1. Salaries of the Professors in the College Department, including elocution.
2. Salaries for Preparatory Teachers.
3. Salary for Physical Instructor.
4. Trustees Expenses.
5. Salary of Treasurer.
6. Salary of the Secretary of the Board.
7. The President's Expenses.
8. Repairs of Buildings.
9. Care of Grounds.
10. Janitor Services.
11. Coal.
12. Light.
13. Printing and Advertising.
14. Library.

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23. Engineer's service for the heating plant.

Degrees.

The Faculty has voted, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, to confer the following degrees. We ask your approval and consent.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts upon the following members of the class of 1899 :

Henry Lewis Brown, Oxford.

Clifford Grosselle Grulee, La Grange, Ills.

Frederick William Huston, Oxford.

Pierson Douglas Keys, Glendale.

Lee Ora Lantis, Gratis.

Adolphus Hamilton Lewis, London.

*The degree of Master of Arts in view of one year's residence and approved thesis:

John Edwin Carpenter,

Bachelor of Arts, De Pauw University, 1892.

~~GRADUATE OF THIS INSTITUTION.~~

William Wilder Cheshire, of the class of 1858.

Daniel Addison McMillan, of the class of 1868.

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Charles John Marshall, Oxford.
George Trowbridge Poor, Glendale.
Harry McKee Scott, Seven Mile.
Philip Shera, Oxford.
John Roy Simpson, Dayton.
John Thomas Wilson Stewart, Stout.
William Ernest Stokes, Jacksonboro.
Judson Teeter, Pleasant Hill.

The degree of Bachelor of Science upon the following members of the class of 1899.

Leonard Burnside Coulter, Oxford.
Martin Francis Vereker, College Corner.

The degree of Master of Arts *in course* upon the following alumni of this institution :

William Wilder Cheshire, of the class of 1858.
Daniel Addison McMillan, of the class of 1868.

Nelson Carr, of the class of 1870.

Robert Henry Adams, of the class of 1872.

William Matson Chidlaw, of the class of 1891.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon :

Rev. James Vincent, Fulton, New York.

Bachelor of Arts, Miami University, 1870.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon :

Rev. James Avery Worden, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts, Miami University, 1861.

Rev. William Gallogly Moorehead, D. D., Xenia, Ohio.

Bachelor of Arts, Muskingum College, 1858.

Prof. Alexander Thomas Ormond, Ph. D., McCosh Professor
Philosophy, Princeton University.

Student Miami, 1869-'70.

The honorary degree of L. H. D. upon :

Gen. Gates Phillips Thruston, Nashville, Tenn.

Bachelor of Arts, Miami University, 1855.

Gen. Ben Piatt Runkle, Washington, D. C.

Bachelor of Arts, Miami University, 1857.

In closing this report permit me to add my appreciation of the work done through the year by the several committee appointed for the purpose of preparing for the Diamond Anniversary to be observed this week. The year has been to me the most laborious since I became president. A kind Providence has brought us to its close with abundant reason for gratitude and praise. The outlook for the future grows brighter. I rejoice with you in what has been accomplished and look to God for his guidance and blessing in the future. With fullest appreciation of the great kindness and confidence of this Board of Trustees

I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM OXLEY THOMPSON.

Miami University Oxford, Ohio, June 1, 1899.

The following books have been purchased for the library of Miami University during the year ending June 1st, 1899:

Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia.
Reye's Die Geometrie der Lage.
Gardiner's History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate. Vol. 2.
Leo's Jahrbuch der Deutschen Shakespeare-Gesellschaft. Vol. 34.
Scheiner's Astronomical Spectroscopy.
Palmer's Inebriety-Source, Prevention and Cure.
Robinson's Ministerial Directory.
Student Missionary Appeal.
Parker and Haswell's Text Book of Zoology, 2 vols.
Johnston's Latin Manuscripts.
Johnston's Metrical Licenses of Virgil. Vols. 55, 56, 57.
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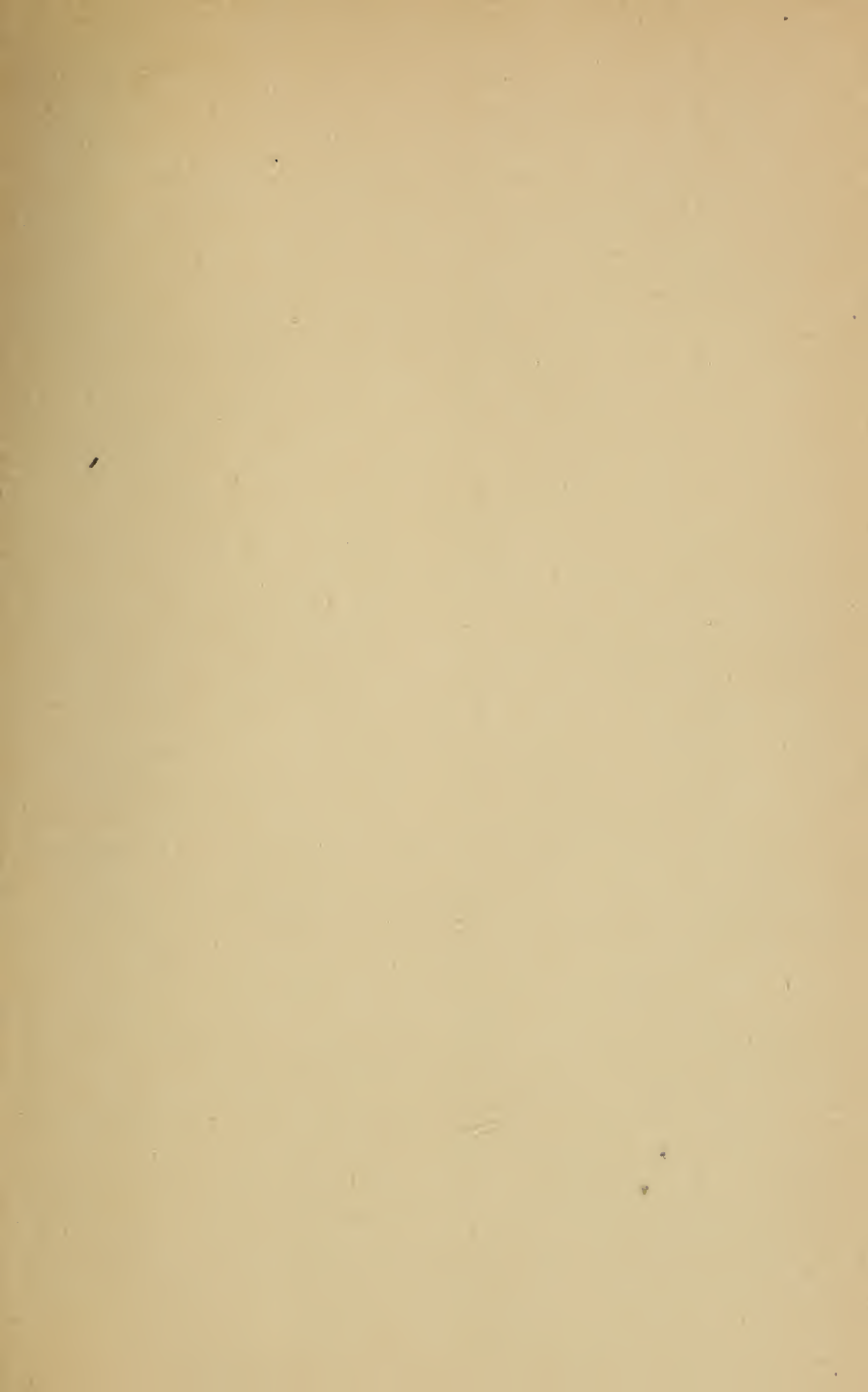
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